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# **COMPANION ANIMAL BREEDING PRACTICES IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

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To Parliamentary Committee,

Thank you for your invitation for submissions regarding Companion Animal Breeding Practices in NSW - this issue needs to be urgently addressed and rectified.

The currently situation of the breeding of dogs and cats in NSW is unfortunately, often inhumane as breeders seek to make profits from the sales of puppies and kitchen which can be a lucrative market.

Tens of thousands of dogs and cats are euthanised each year due to over population and insufficient homing, and clearly there is an over-supply of animals being born. Breeders not only accelerate the number of natural births, but do so in a "factory-farm" like manner where female dogs and cats are keep only for breeding and often killed after their productivity decreases.

Please see our recommendations that we (the public) would like to see implemented immediately:

1. Limiting the number of animals allowed to be kept by breeders
2. A Breeding Licensing System needs to be implemented and controlled
3. Inspections by RSPCA or officials to ensure animal welfare is strictly adhered to
4. Compulsory microchipping of companion animals with information on the breeder attached to the record
5. Banning the sale of cats and dogs in pet stores - replaced by the promote of dogs and cats available to purchase from rescue homes.

It would be fantastic if there could be a campaign in NSW educating the public that adoption of companion animals is a great option if they would like to obtain a pet.

Thank you and I look forward to seeing changes for the benefit of companion animals in NSW and more in-line with other state jurisdictions.

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